



R. F. D. NEWS.

Notes Gleaned by the Wayside
By Uncle Sam's Carriers
In Rural Districts.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A pathetic tale of life among the rural mail carriers at Christmas tide has just come to light, and is told by W. H. Squires, carrier on Route No. 2, who was in Woodburn this week with the West Salem Theatrical Troupe, presenting the play, "A Family Affair."

This bit of news should be read and pondered over by all patrons of the routes leading from Salem, and kept in mind until the passing of another Christmas time gives them an opportunity to show the kindness of their hearts toward this class of hard worked public servants.

Carrier Hall of Route No. 1 from Woodburn had about come to the end of his rope. He had found that carrying mail even for Uncle Sam at \$50 per month, and keeping two teams, was not what it was cracked up to be, and with the terrible roads he had been compelled to travel over, all winter, his teams were about used up and the supply of oats was growing small. Hence he had almost made up his mind to look for work elsewhere, in order to keep the wolf from the door.

On Christmas morning, a cold, foggy day, when all mankind was rejoicing over the anniversary of the birth of a Savior, and preparing to celebrate with a feast, he with a bitter heart was compelled to hitch up the nag and start on his weary beat, while his wife betook herself to a neighbor's to spend the day.

An inkling of the state of affairs had been circulated among the kind-hearted farmers of the Woodburn neighborhood, and these people got their heads together and did a little planning, and it did not take them long to carry their plans into effect. After the weary round had been completed, and night was approaching, Carrier Hall returned home, chilled to the marrow, and quickly stabilizing his horses, went to the oat bin to gather enough oats from the floor to feed the faithful beast, when what was his surprise and astonishment to find the big oat bin heaping full of grain, while nearby were a few extra sacks of oats. Over the bin was a tag bearing the significant inscription "Help Yourself; Merry Christmas."

There was no longer any feeling of weariness or discouragement in this representative of Uncle Sam's mail department.

He hastened to the house to spread the glad news of what the good angels had been doing, but there were still more surprises in store for him. On the back porch were two sacks of choice potatoes, and two sacks of Salem flour, and just inside the door he found an envelope containing \$12 in coin.

It need hardly be added that the remainder of this dismal Christmas day was spent more cheerfully. Carrier Hall now had unmistakable evidence that the patrons he had been serving so faithfully appreciated him and were grateful for his honest service and he thought no more of giving up the place. With renewed energy he entered upon his duties, and lent his influence toward securing the passage of the bill in Congress to advance the salaries of the carriers to living wages.

This is the experience of only one Marion county carrier. The knight of the mail bag on Route No. 2 from the same city was the recipient of a cash present of \$44.25, two sacks of oats and two sacks of potatoes. Carrier Palmer, on Route No. 2 of Hubbard, was made to remember Christmas and his friends by receiving a present of a purse containing \$50 in gold. Several other instances of the kind remembrance of carriers by the patrons of the routes who appreciate the good work done by their servants might be mentioned, but the telling of these by Carrier Squires to his fellow carriers of the Salem routes was sufficient to make their mouths water; they were then and there willing to trade routes with any of the lucky carriers mentioned.

Convicts Hard at Work.

Carrier James Albert of Route No. 5 reports that the convicts are again working on the Turner road. Yesterday there was a crew of fifteen at work, and they have already improved the road wonderfully. All of the places which bothered so last winter have been filled and properly graded so that they will cause no trouble next winter. These convicts are in charge of two or three guards, and are each evening brought back to their cells in wagons. They are all trustees who have served nearly all of their terms, and are glad enough to be allowed to get away from the institution for a day and work with a will, as they are credited with two days service for each day's work on the roads. They fare very well as they have a cook wagon on the road, and hot meals are served them.

The little town of Macleay has one rural carrier who delivers mail to the surrounding country, Roy Simmer, and he has struck a streak of bad luck this week. His fine Jersey cow, upon which

he depends so much for a large portion of the living for his family, sickened, and apparently without cause, and without consulting his wishes in the matter, laid down and died, and at a time when she was about to become fresh again.

Out near Macleay on Route No. 5 the farmers have awakened to the fact that the roads could be improved, and are at work putting in their besticks filling in the holes with rock and grading the rest off smooth. The summer road at least will be good.

Dance at Lincoln.

Lincoln Tent, Knights of the Macabees, gave a social dance in their hall at Lincoln last night, so reported Carrier Remington yesterday.

Mrs. C. C. Walker of Zena, is in Portland visiting her sister, Mrs. Jacob Camm.

Mrs. L. Abrams accidentally stepped on a nail the first of this week and is still suffering from the effects of the wound. This together with an attack of rheumatism has confined her to her bed.

Recovering from La Grippe.

Geo. Porter of Summit, Route 2, was a Salem visitor yesterday, from a short time, having been compelled to come on account of business matters. He was well bundled up, however, as this was the first time he has been out of the house for any distance for over a month. He has been suffering from a severe attack of the La Grippe, and although he has been recovering for some time his strength returns very slowly. On March 21 he attended a social entertainment in the Holman hall in this city, and returning home next morning took to his bed and yesterday was the first time he has been out since.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Must Have Regulation Boxes.

As is well known, soon after the rural free delivery service was established, an order was issued by the postoffice department at Washington, that all boxes should be uniform in size and manner of construction. At that time the kind of box to be used was not stated specifically, as the business was new. Later, on January 5, 1902, an exhaustive order was issued describing in detail the manner of box required, giving size, color and material to be used in its construction.

Under the first order many boxes were purchased which were not altogether satisfactory. Most of these are still in use, and although they are not regulation, will not be disturbed, but the carriers have been lax in enforcing the law, and at the present time all kinds of boxes are in use, including soap boxes, coal oil cans, and anything else makeshift character which could be utilized to hold mail. The postoffice department at Washington has again taken the matter up and is demanding that the order previously issued, in regard to the style of boxes on rural routes be strictly conformed with. The carriers from Salem have already begun on the proposition, and with the co-operation of the patrons of the routes, will soon have their routes in condition. The patrons should not hold it against the carriers because they insist on the proper boxes, as under a strict construction of the law, they would not be allowed to deliver mail in anything but a regulation box.

Big Strawberry Patch.

Johnny Lynch, who lives on the old Barley place one and a half miles east of Salem, on the Skinner road, is planning to set out 40,000 strawberry plants in the near future. He has the land already prepared and will begin setting out plants Monday morning. This will require about five acres of land and as that neighborhood is noted for being fine strawberry land, that amount of land could not be put to any other crop which would yield as handsome returns. Mr. Lynch favors Clark's Seedling variety and will put out the greater portion of his variety, although he also expects to put out several other varieties.

New Service Appreciated.

The patrons of route No. 2, near Oak Grove, are pleased with the new service they are receiving. Since the route was shortened and the West End served by carrier from Rickreall, the Oak Grove people get their mail in the morning, comparatively early, whereas, formerly, they did not receive it until afternoon.

Is Very Low.

Mrs. Andrew Lucas of West Salem, is very low, suffering from a nervous breakdown, and is not expected to live. She has been ill for about three weeks, but less than a week ago her condition became serious, and yesterday all hope had been given up by the physicians.

Rapidly Settling Up.

H. A. Johnson, Jr., carrier on Route 6, is again at work on his route and reports that he has been off for about four months, enjoying a good rest, and says it is surprising what changes can take place in that length of time. When he began work again he found fifteen new families who had taken up their abode on the route that were not there when he left.

Cyrus Purvine's family of Spring Valley, have moved to Independence to live. Mr. Purvine is employed as fireman on the river steamer Eugene under his brother, Chas. Purvine, who is chief engineer.

LAKE LABISH ITEMS.

John Zilinski, who has been improving his property on Fiddler's avenue, recently entertained forty of his gentle-

men friends at a "barn raising." A banquet followed at which Miss Zilinski charmingly presided.

Frank Worl is a sufferer from the prevailing malady of rheumatism. Friday night's severe frost did much damage to the prospective fruit crop.

Hop training and "suckering" are in full blast as the vines are well advanced.

Mrs. Wm. Weidner, of Gervais, visited relatives here this week.

Mrs. A. G. Perkins, of Salem, is spending a few days at the farm home.

Mr. Chas. Beatty and family left last week for Eastern Oregon, where they will spend the summer.

Arthur Girod recently sold one of his valuable horses to Mr. Rice, who is investing in fine stock.

The funeral of Mrs. Robert Nusome, which occurred on Friday at the Claggett cemetery, was largely attended as the young woman was raised at Brooks and leaves a large circle of friends.

Rev. August Buche and wife, whose departure from Labish is much regretted, have purchased the Dorcas property at Brooks, where they will reside.

Joseph Fetzl, the hop grower, and owner of the Labish saw mill, is erecting another cottage for the accommodation of his many employees.

Thomas Moisan, the genial deputy assessor is now making his rounds, and all persons erstwhile given to boastfulness have suddenly become disciples of G. Washington, and truly report their belongings as worthless.

A Successful Tour.

The theatrical troupe from West Salem enjoyed a fine trip to Woodburn and Hubbard last week. Their trip was a success in every way, as they were accorded good houses at both performances, which assured them financial success, and the members of the troupe enjoyed a delightful time.

A Family Affair Comedy Co. played at Hubbard on the 15th to a packed house in which every one was highly pleased and requested the company to play a return engagement in the fall.

After the play a dance was given and about twenty couples took part which lasted until 1:30 a. m. On the 16th they played at the Woodburn Opera House to a fair sized crowd after which a dance was also given to about twenty-five couples, every one going home well pleased. The company returned home on the 11 a. m. train Sunday. There being so many requests to have it, the company agreed to repeat it again at West Salem Hall on next Saturday evening. In connection with it will be an ice cream social.

SMALL INCREASE

THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE NAMES ADDED TO REGISTRATION LIST.

Over Eighteen Hundred Marion County Voters Have Failed to Register and Books Will Be Kept Open But Three Weeks More—Clerk Preparing For Rush.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

There was a slight increase in the registration of Marion county voters during the past week, 335 names being placed upon the books, but the list is not increasing as rapidly as was expected, and there being only three weeks left in which this matter may be attended to by the voters, and at least 1800 or 2000 having as yet failed to qualify, the county clerk is preparing for a rush during the unexpired time. The registration in the different precincts up to last evening was as follows:

Aumsville	120
Aurora	89
Breitenbush	141
Brooks	141
Butteville	88
Champoeg	13
Chemawa	180
Elkhorn	8
Fairfield	22
Gervais	130
Horeb	68
Howell	76
Hubbard	114
Jefferson	95
Liberty	198
Macleay	62
Marion	62
Mehama	79
Monitor	46
Mount Angel	135
Salem No. 1	115
Salem No. 2	271
Salem No. 3	119
Salem No. 4	197
Salem No. 5	133
Salem No. 6	159
Salem No. 7	105
Salem, East	67
Scotts Mill	97
Sidney	34
Silver Falls	9
Silverton, South	76
Silverton	84
Silverton, North	64
St. Paul	46
Stayton	98
Sublimity	99
Turner	152
Woodburn	254
Total	3852

Self Protection

demands that you be on the alert to see that you get Painkiller (Perry Davis) when you ask for it; some dealers will try and persuade you to take something else, claimed to be just as good; insist upon getting Painkiller, the remedy which has been the world's family doctor for 60 years; it never fails to stop diarrhoea, griping pains in the stomach or bowels, dysentery, etc. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents.

WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

President Bert of Pacific Coast League Does Not Intend to Resign.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.

President Bert of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, tonight denied the report which for the past week has been current that he intended to resign his office.

Legal blanks at Statesman Job Office

A BAD EXAMPLE

LADY TEACHER OF EAST SALEM SCHOOL SUBJECTED TO OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Woman Living East of Town Calls During School Hours And Heaps All Sorts of Vile Epithets Upon Inoffensive Teacher Before Half Grown School Children—A Father Objects.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

With all the vile, opprobrious, scurrilous, obscene and vulgar names and epithets which the human tongue can apply, a certain woman living upon the Asylum Avenue, called at one of the rooms of the East Salem school on Friday last week, attacked one of the lady teachers of the room and heaped upon her all of the humiliation that is possible for a woman to do before a whole room full of children, boys and girls alike.

The story leaked out yesterday but it did not come from the teacher, who is too ladylike and respectable to repeat the occurrence, but it came out through the little girl pupils, ranging in age from 10 to 14 years, who were thunderstruck with the violent manner in which their kind and beloved teacher was attacked and asked of their mamma what all of those vile terms meant. The teacher was so completely taken by surprise and embarrassed by the vulgar onslaught that she could do nothing to stem the tide of the woman's anger, and she simply collapsed and wept in shame. The occurrence so completely upset her that she could do nothing the balance of the day.

It seems that things are coming to a pretty pass when an innocent teacher can be so vulgarly set upon in such a semi-public manner and that such vile language can be used before a whole school room of innocent children, girls especially, and that nothing should be done to punish the guilty party. Whether or not something will be done in the matter remains to be seen, for an irate paternal parent or one of the little girls of the room, who innocently asked her mother what all of those obscene terms which were heaped upon her good teacher meant, is thoroughly aroused over the circumstance and declares that he is going to see if his children cannot go to public school with out their ears being compelled to listen to such disgraceful and vulgar language. This parent is going to report the matter to the officials of the school and if they cannot do anything to punish the woman for her conduct he will see what can be done for himself.

The woman claimed that her children had been mistreated by the teacher, as a cause for her onslaught, but even if this is true, which is doubted by all who are acquainted with the teacher and do not believe she could be so cruel to anybody, this would be no excuse for her conduct, for if she thought she had a grievance she should have gone before the board of directors or sought the teacher out in private.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

WHAT'S THE USE? Why Tell An Untruth When There's No Chance to Deceive?

Editor Statesman: Your evening contemporary asserts that there will be no official census of Salem taken until 1910, and advocates taking a bogus one now. The state law provides for the taking of a census of its inhabitants in 1905, one year from now, when an official census of Salem will be taken and published. What is the use of lying when you cannot deceive?

CANDOR.

ODD FELLOWS CEMETERY POISON OAK.

Something Should Be Quickly Done to Estrange These Synonymous Terms.

Odd Fellows Cemetery—Poison Oak.

Editor Statesman: The above terms are getting to be almost synonymous. Those who are in the least susceptible to poison oak find it necessary to go into seclusion for a week or two after each visit to the city of the dead. Dozens of cases occur each spring and fall among those who go to pay tribute to their dear departed.

There is never a funeral without one or more cases developing and Decoration day is always followed by a harvest for the doctors and druggists.

This has been true for several years, yet no one ever heard of an effort to correct the evil.

What's the matter with the management anyway? Why don't they wake up? Or perhaps they want to poison a few hundred more women and children to earn the good will of the devil with whom they will no doubt associate later on.

Were I a Dante I should picture the gentlemen who have that place in charge as spending their future existence each vainly trying to find his way out of a thousand acre patch of poison oak, with poison oak leaves to eat, poison oak juice to drink, and attended by a few devils to keep them moving by lashing their naked bodies with bundles of poison oak switches.

It is almost too much to hope for that they will after this long time actually do something to redeem their reputations, lost through the agonies and profanity of a long suffering public.

However, "this is a consummation most devoutly to be wished for" and the aforesaid swollen and blistered public has its half shut bloodshot eye on the above mentioned management and it had better lookout.

RHUS TOXICADENDRON.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

MATTER OF THE CENSUS.

Candor Has a Few More Most Respectful Remarks on the Subject.

Editor Statesman: Your falsifying afternoon contemporary says that a census has never been taken under the state law. That is untrue. The Oregonian of last Saturday contains the following upon its editorial page:

"Next year—1905—a census of the population of Oregon will be taken; under the law of the state. It will indicate the growth since the census of the United States, taken in the year 1900. In that year the population was 413,536. In 1905 the total will be about 500,000."

The law requires such census to be taken regularly midway between those of the United States. The general government census is taken every tenth year. The state census is taken every tenth year midway between. The federal census was taken in 1900, the state will be in 1905, and so on. And both can show the population of state, counties and towns.

Again, what is the use of lying when you cannot deceive? He says the county court has not ordered such an expense to be incurred. The state has directed such census to be taken, and it is not necessary for preparation for taking it in 1905 to be made in 1904. In due time that will come. This editor seems to have a "pick" at some one who has drawn money out of the public treasury. He will find it difficult to name one of the public treasury in proportion to that he has put into it.

He complains I do not sign my name. I have no weakness about seeing it in print. Have not appropriated military titles, nor published manufactured notes from pretended ladies, inquiring what my breakfast usually comprises, or what is my favorite text of scripture.

CANDOR.

THE CITY

Second Commitment.

Ira Applegate, a native of this state, was yesterday brought to the asylum from Douglas county by Sheriff Ben Huntington and one guard.

Cucumber Contracts.

A few more contracts for cucumbers can be secured by calling on the Gideon Stolz Company, Mill and Summer streets, Salem.

Ladies Feel Grateful.

The Woman's Relief Corps, of Salem, wishes to thank the public for its generous aid extended during its efforts by the way of dinners and its bazar on the 13th and 14th of this month. The Corps expects to be able to donate \$80 toward the monument and altogether, Sedgwick Post will give \$100 for that purpose.

Money Into the Treasury.

State Treasurer Moore yesterday received a remittance of \$14,332.50 from the treasurer of Baker county, being one half of that county's state taxes for the year 1903. The Lowenberg & Going Company also paid \$1,404.06 in to the state treasury for convict labor in the Northwest Stove Foundry for the month of March.

Estate Goes to Widow.

Acting upon the petition of James R. Renner, administrator of the estate of Leroy B. Saunders, deceased, County Judge Scott, sitting in probate, yesterday made an order directing the administrator to pay over to Elizabeth Saunders, widow of the deceased, the whole of the estate after deducting the funeral expenses, and the expenses of administration.

The Only Material.

Not having space enough to exhibit and unpack the white monuments as they are now arriving, I have obtained ground of Mr. Thomas Holman, at the corner of High and Mill streets, where you can see the finest monuments that ever came to Salem. I also have over 700 designs that range from \$5 to \$10,000. If you have any respect for the departed, get a monument or marker, that will always remain clear. White Bronze is the only material that will stand the Webster climate, and Mr. T. B. Wall is the agent, at No. 144 Mill street. Phone 154 White.

Rode in Laundry Cart.

A woman of low character was picked up on Commercial street by Officers Lewis and Murphy at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning and locked up in the woman's cell of the city jail, with the charge of drunkenness booked against her. The woman, who has obtained kind of intoxication and gave the officers all kinds of trouble before she was finally landed behind the bars. When the officers reached the corner of Commercial and Court streets with their female prisoner they suddenly ran up against a hard proposition, as the drunken woman refused to navigate further and finally laid down upon the sidewalk. Salem's efficient night policemen, however, are always equal to such an occasion, and a Chinese laundry cart was brought to the scene into which the intoxicated woman was loaded and carted off to jail. By her vile language and loud screams she succeeded in waking many people from their slumbers, as the improvised patrol

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Wednesday, Thursday, at Gervais.
Friday and Saturdays at Silverton.

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wagon passed along the route, and the many expressions which came from second-story windows were by no means soothing to the ear. A fine of \$10 was imposed upon the fallen woman by Recorder Judah yesterday forenoon, which she promptly paid and was released.

Preparations Under Way— Sedgwick Post No. 10 G. A. R. is preparing for a proper observance of

Memorial or Decoration Day. The proper committees have been appointed and are at work. All fraternal and civic orders and societies will be invited to participate in the exercises.

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